



India's Chairship of International IDEA

Launch of Research, Academic and Outreach Initiatives by IIIDEM

IIIDEM, 6th March 2026

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Context and Background

1. India's Chairship of the Council of Member States of International IDEA – 2026
2. **Theme: Democracy for an Inclusive, Peaceful, Resilient and Sustainable World**
3. IIIDEM as the global training and research institute of the Election Commission of India
4. The launch of these initiatives is in continuation of the International Conference on Inclusive Elections and Democracy (IICDEM 2026) held in January 2026 and the ongoing series of symposiums being organized by IIIDEM, aimed at fostering dialogue, research, and global exchange on contemporary democratic practices.

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Three Initiatives by IIDEM

1. Academic Outreach Programme on Democracy and Election Management
2. Student Connect – Research Challenge on Democracy and Election Management
3. International Academic Conference on Democracy and Election Management

1. Academic Outreach Programme on Democracy and Election Management

- One-day immersive academic visit for Students, Researchers and Faculty Members of Universities at IIIDEM
- Exposure to India's electoral system
- Hands-on simulations of electoral processes
- Interaction with election practitioners
- Global Perspectives on Electoral Management



IIIDEM Academic Outreach Programme on Election Management

Experience democracy in action. Learn. Engage. Explore. Register your institution for an immersive academic programme at IIIDEM and gain global insights into election management and democratic governance.



IIIDEM is the global training and research institute of the Election Commission of India and a leading centre for knowledge and capacity building in democracy and election management.

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Submit your expression of interest to visit us, through the form:
<https://forms.gle/JksDrAZbxB3274B8A>



2. Student Connect – Research Challenge on Democracy and Election Management

- International research competition
- Open to Undergraduate and Postgraduate students
- Comparative research aligned with thematic priorities of India's Chairship of International IDEA
- Analytical reports based on global electoral practices



STUDENT CONNECT RESEARCH CHALLENGE ON DEMOCRACY AND ELECTION MANAGEMENT

OPEN TO UNDERGRADUATE AND POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS

Take the challenge. Compete. Research. Win.

Submit your comparative research on democracy and election management and earn prizes and global recognition at IIIDEM.

Prizes worth Rs. 7.5 lakh to be won*

Submit by 31st March 2026

To know more and submit your report visit
<https://forms.gle/GG2oKErHhogDauyv9>



*Prizes will be awarded within each thematic priority, see brochure for details.



3. International Academic Conference on Democracy and Election Management

- Global academic forum bringing together faculty members and research scholars to engage in evidence-based dialogue on democracy and election management.
- Encourages policy-relevant and comparative research bridging academic theory with the practice of election management.



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18th-19th June 2026

Call for Abstracts

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Selected authors will present peer-reviewed research at the Conference, contributing to global knowledge, policy dialogue, and best practices in electoral governance.

Important Dates:

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To know more and submit abstract, click here <https://forms.gle/k2wpVpjTuWBRKZAm6>



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